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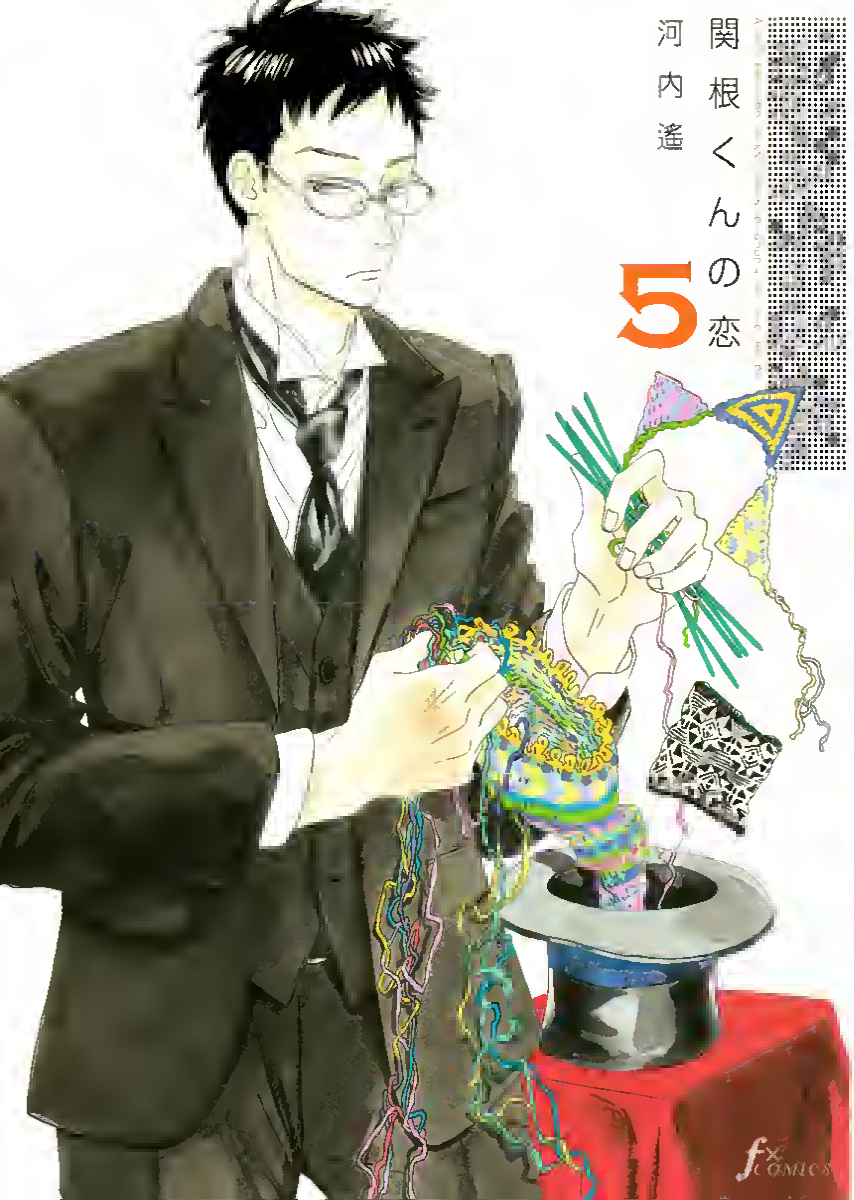

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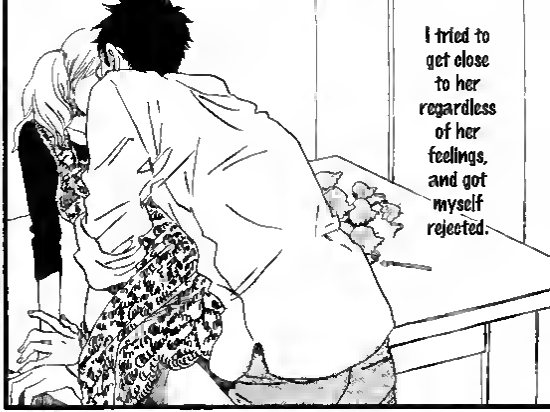
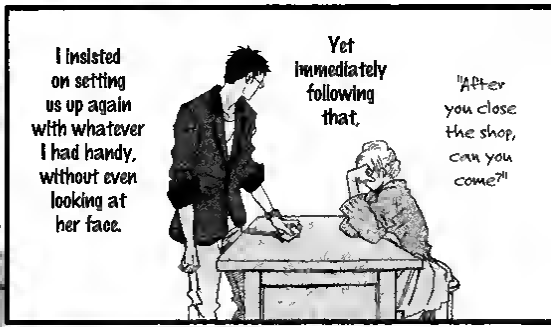
KNITTING IN THE ROUND

I needed this charged more than anything, yet forgot to do it
GRIP...
All because I neglected my normal routine just to spend the night...
knitting that stupid sweater!
I was the one who insisted she promise me this day.
SNAP
tick
tick
And now, I'll be the one breaking it without ever letting her know.

Confined for 70 minutes on the railway track
DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE COLLISION INVOLVING THE TRAIN HEADING FOR TOKYO
THERE ARE PEOPLE CRITICALLY INJURED
WE WILL CALL FOR TAXIS AND AMBULANCES AT THE NEXT BUS TRANSFER
A pregnant woman water broke during the commute on the transfer bus...
Circled back and never reached its destination
Transferred to a taxi and stuck in a major traffic jam
Currently here
Normally, it takes me 30 minutes by train to get from the office to back home
Even by taxi, it would generally take an hour
1ST
Today, one thing happened after another
and now, two and a half hours are gone...
Things never go your way when you try and do them differently.


I tried to get close to her regardless of her feelings, and got myself rejected.


I insisted on setting us up again with whatever I had handy, without even looking at her face.
Yet immediately following that,
"After you close the shop, can you come?"

Of course I can't do anything about it if she doesn't show up.
tick...
"I'll be waiting for you at 9."
tick
tick
I'll definitely be late.

But it's unthinkable that I'd be the one who wouldn't!
A complete mess!

What ?
Um
I don't know I just think it's very strange
Huh?
chik...
chik
chik
chik
chik
Sakuma-san,
you've memorized the knitting methods in leaps and bounds, but...
you're not making these because you like handmade things, are you?
When I look at all the stuff you've knitted
I just can't bring myself to believe that

See these Room shoes? If you were to put them up for sale at a trade fair near Daikanyama, I bet they'd go for a really hefty price
For you to make stuff like this without even liking to do it?
You'd make a pretty good con artist!
I'm only doing it by-the-book
The way you learn by imitation is on a whole different level
You can't just chalk it up simply to skills
These are cute, gentle,
fun and interesting
How are you able to do it?
I'm not sure how, but..

Living high, aren't we?
You probably hear that all the time
You're made for this. Really, you are
When I'm looking at it, I can visualize the diagram,
or even the structure of it
But...
People who are less skilled
wouldn't be able to knit such uniform threads
Having things always go my way, even when I didn't ask them to,
Feels... incredibly boring
Really?
Sometimes they exert too much force, or they skip over a line on the page
But with practice, they gradually improve
Practice?

Impatient people have troubles completing a project.
Practice...
...
We're talking about knitting here. What's so difficult that it would require training?
Nah, everyone can memorize how to do it just by seeing it once you know
People need to practice knitting?
Initially, yes,
until they get the hang of things...
I'm aware that it may differ from person to person
Haven't you heard that quote?
"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."
Just as the grand-daughter said,
and just as it is with knitting...
Einstein, eh?

I've got 32 minutes...
SLAM
At the beginning you're permitted to practice on
whatever it is you're not used to doing.
...before the last order...
But just in case...
22...
26 minutes...
She might not even be there.

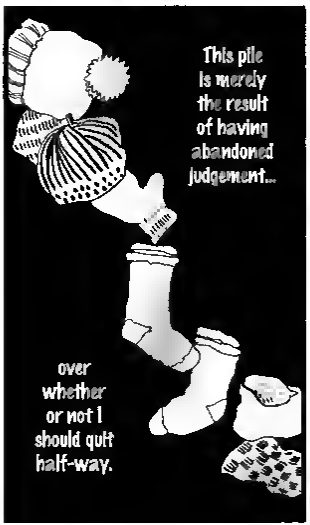
Just in case.
15 minutes.
Should I drop by a convenience store
and buy a charger for my battery?
10.
No...
It'd be faster to go directly and apologize, right?
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
8.
PAND

"Normally with beginners...
6 minutes.
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
BDUMP
...I often tell them, 'If you make a mistake, just unravel it...
to the point where you messed up
And then start knitting from there.'
But Sekine-san, it's almost mysterious how smooth you work,
so smooth it's as if there aren't any pointers for me to give you.
I'm certain...

Sekine-san, you may say that things get completed against your will

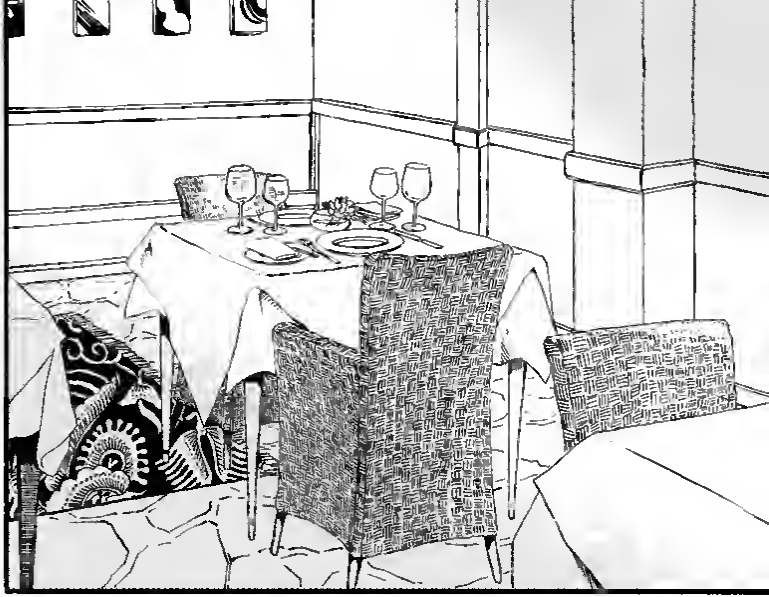
..your integrity is what makes you so precise.

But I'm sure they get done because you didn't abandon them.


This pile is merely the result of having abandoned judgement...
over whether or not I should quit half-way.

Actually, that's not why.

Sir?
Welcome, sir.
I'll be your server.
I made reservations under Sekine.
SLAM
3 minutes...
Let me show you to your seat.
There's only one floor.
I can tell by looking.
That won't be necessary.
Just in case.
Just in case.
1 minute...
All that's left is!



In any case
who knows whether or not she even came...
An apology simply won't cut it
30 minutes left before the restaurant closes...
SUDDENLY GONE
Sekine-sama...?
The guest you had waiting was just here until-
Sekine-sama
How absurd
Right now, I...
In present progressive tense ...am Failing.
Undoubtedly

ESPAÑA
Anyway, I need to charge my phone

Must go buy a charger
Reality cannot be re-knitted